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Subject: Re: Office of Energy Development: Comments for Red Leaf Resources NOI-CLO

I apologize for the late reply, I have been traveling all day. We appreciate and will accept these comments as part of the public comment period.

Thank you,

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Ms. Dean,

Below please find comments from Samantha Mary Julian at the Office of Energy Development RE: Red Leaf Resource's NOI-CLO. I believe that the comment period closes today, please confirm that these were accepted within period for public comment.

Thank you.

Ms. Dean,

The Office of Energy Development (OED) is pleased to submit the following comments on the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) tentative decision to approve the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (NOI-CLO) for the Southwest #1 mine submitted by Red Leaf Resources.

After an extensive review of the NOI-CLO, OED strongly supports DOGM's tentative decision to approve the NOI-CLO. OED considers oil-shale to be one of Utah's most valuable energy resources. As outlined in the Governor's Strategic Energy Plan Red Leaf Resources' EcoShale In-Capsule technology truly represents Utah Ingenuity at Work. Red Leaf Resources has developed revolutionary technology that rises above other processes in several environmental regards and represents a step-forward in responsibly developing Utah's unconventional energy resources.

OED believes that DOGM's tentative decision to approve the NOI-CLO is congruent with several of the strategies laid out in the Governor's Strategic Energy Plan. First and foremost, this decision directly supports the strategy of diversifying transportation fuels to reduce dependence on out of State sources for crude oil. Further, it inherently supports the augmentation of Utah's fuel supply with non-traditional fuels. Lastly, this decision represents executing an effective strategy for the legitimate use of Utah's public lands for energy development purposes.

OED believes that this decision will lead to the successful, environmentally responsible development of one of Utah's most vital energy resources.

Thank you, feel free to contact the Office of Energy Development with any questions or concerns regarding these comments.

Best Regards,

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